

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ANSAF ISMAEL, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTONY J. BLINKEN,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00414-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
September 30, 2024

Plaintiffs and Defendant, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to continue to stay these proceedings through November 6, 2024. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendant to complete administrative processing and issue a decision for Plaintiff Saleh's immigrant visa application. This case is currently stayed through October 7, 2024. Dkt. No. 10. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until November 6, 2024.

Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
3 P. 1.

4 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
5 intervention. This case is currently undergoing administrative processing which may result in a
6 consular officer readjudicating Plaintiff Saleh’s immigrant visa application. Plaintiff is in the
7 process of responding to a request for information from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.
8 Once Plaintiff submits all requested documents, additional time is necessary for the consular
9 officer to review the documents and for any additional security checks to be conducted.

10 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
11 the case in abeyance until November 6, 2024.

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1 DATED on this 30th day of September, 2024.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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10 *Attorneys for Defendants*

11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 285*
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until November 6, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before November 6, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 1st day of October, 2024.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge